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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2001.
2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 August 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3 pages.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

Priority

1. Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 119 as follows:
2. The later-filed application must be an application for a patent for an invention which is also disclosed in the prior application (the parent or original nonprovisional application or provisional application); the disclosure of the invention in the parent application and in the later-filed application must be sufficient to comply with the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. See *Transco Products, Inc. v. Performance Contracting, Inc.*, 38 F.3d 551, 32 USPQ2d 1077 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. Claims 13-19 recite the limitation " of claim 12" in the body of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. There are multiple claim 12s.

Claim Objections

6. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claim 12 been renumbered 27.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Naveh et al. US 6,466,984 B1 (Naveh).

Re claims 1, 2, 6, and 7, Naveh disclosed

A method for managing connection quality for a user in an optical communication system, the method comprising: ascertaining high-level communication requirements and non-requirements of the user; determining a set of lower level communication services for the user based upon the high-level communication requirements and non-

requirements of the user; and obtaining the lower-level communication services for the user. (see e.g., 11/1-15, 11/45-60).

Re claim 5, the modified invention of Naveh and Graves disclosed wherein obtaining the lower level communication services for the user comprises: interacting with peer users to obtain the lower level communication services for the user (see Naveh, col./lines: 5/19-67 and 6/1-35).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claim(s) 3, 4, 8-11, 27, and 20-26 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naveh et al. US 6,466,984 B1 (Naveh) and Graves et al. US 2002/0191250 (Graves).

Re claims 3, 8, 9, 27, 20, 21, 23, and 24, Naveh disclosed a method of mapping/managing high-level requirements into low-level requirements in a network. Naveh does not disclose an optical service manager and UNI.

Graves disclosed a method of managing optical services within a core network with users attached across a UNI. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the Naveh bandwidth management scheme in the Graves

network since the policy reservations tools discussed in Naveh such as Diffserv and RSVP are typically implemented in optical network.

Re claims 4, 10, 22 The modified invention of Naveh and Graves disclosed wherein the core optical communication network comprises an automatically switched optical network (ASON) (see Graves, p. 5 par. 0052)

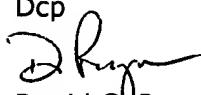
Re claim 11, 25, 26 The modified invention of Naveh and Graves disclosed wherein obtaining the lower level communication services for the user comprises: interacting with peer users to obtain the lower level communication services for the user (see Naveh, col./lines: 5/19-67 and 6/1-35).

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David C. Payne whose telephone number is (571) 272-3024. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7a-4p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on (571) 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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